

Alexandria Gazette.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 22.

LOCAL NEWS.

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For this section southwesterly winds, local rains and slight changes in temperature.

CITY COUNCIL.

A meeting of the City Council was called for last night by the Mayor for the purpose of devising means to comply with the laws of the Postoffice Department in relation to cities desiring to secure the benefits of the free delivery system.

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
The Mayor's communication was read, in which he calls the attention of Council to the matter of properly numbering the houses of the city. He enclosed a letter from Mr. R. L. Carne concerning the matter, the latter stating that Mr. J. H. Chataigne, who is the compiler of the City Directory, offers to place numbers on every house in the city at the rate of twenty-five cents apiece.

The communication and accompanying letter was received, when

Major W. W. Herbert, Postmaster of the city, presented and had read a letter he had received from Mr. De La Rue Harrison, Postoffice Inspector, concerning free delivery in Alexandria, in which the latter calls attention to the fact that the streets of the city are not properly named nor the houses uniformly numbered, which will be requisite before the advantages of the free delivery system can be availed of; also one from Mr. A. E. Stevenson, First Assistant Postmaster General, to the same import.

Mr. Strauss inquired if it was necessary for Council to enact any special laws to comply with the requirements of the laws of the department.

The President thought there was sufficient law already on the subject, and referred to section 4, chap. 5 of the corporation laws providing for the proper numbering of houses.

Mr. Bryant, however, seemed to think there was some defect in the law quoted—especially the section providing for the collection of the sum charged for the numbering—it appearing that the city was to pay for the work done and charge the amount to property holders with their taxes. He thought the seeming defect could be remedied by amending the statute so that in the event of the property owner failing to pay the contractor, the latter could report the delinquent to the proper officers. Mr. Bryant in his remarks said he could see nothing in the decimal system or why it should be adopted here.

The President (Mr. Downham) suggested that the matter be referred to the Committee on streets to report next Tuesday night.

Mr. Bryant called attention to the fact that that committee had dwindled down to two—Mr. Corbett, of the other board, and himself; hence they could not summon a quorum to consider the matter.

Mr. Strauss spoke in favor of doing anything reasonable in the way of renumbering houses or naming streets in order to avail ourselves of the free delivery system, and said places smaller and less pretentious than Alexandria were enjoying modern privileges about which we were apparently unconcerned. In regard to placing the names of the streets on the corners, he gave a history of an attempt made three or four years ago to have the names painted on glass and placed across the tops of gas lamps, and said the plan was allowed to fall through from the fact that the committee considering the subject were equally divided concerning the utility of the plan, and in voting always ended in a tie. He still thought that idea practicable. There were 160 lamps in the city and the posts could be made perform to double duty in the capacity of guide boards and lamp-posts. At present strangers who come to Alexandria are often seen distending their necks or reeling around like drunken people endeavoring to ascertain the names of the streets. He grew fervent and exhorted the Aldermen to be progressive, and remember the business boom which was about to overspread the city, and be prepared to greet it by using every endeavor to modernize the city.

Mr. Downham (Mr. Moore in the chair) thought the matter one which should not be handled hastily. From the letters which had been read from the Washington authorities it seemed obligatory on the city to name the streets and number the houses before free delivery could be ordered for Alexandria. A simple numbering of all houses could be done with little trouble and at small expense, and houses already numbered need not be renumbered; the old figures could be retained if legible, but Council should make numbering compulsory and to be done by a certain date. There was but one way, it seemed to him, for the city to avail itself of the free delivery system, and that was to comply with the rules of the Postoffice Department.

Mr. Strauss moved to refer the subject to the Committee on Streets, with power to act, when

Mr. Moore asked Mr. Herbert, who was present, if he knew how many carriers would be allotted to Alexandria.

Mr. Herbert replied that he did not.

Mr. Moore could not see what special benefit the system would be to business men anyhow. Most of them would send to the office for their mail, and not wait for the carriers. He concurred in Mr. Downham's remarks concerning the retaining of the old numbers if numbering was made general. In speaking of naming the streets he said he spent several weeks in Louisville, Ky., six years ago. That place has a population of 125,000, and during his stay there he never saw the name of a street either on corners, lamp-posts or anywhere else.

Mr. Strauss again spoke fervently in favor of meeting all requirements in order that the free delivery system might become in vogue here, and supposing Mr. Moore had spoken disparagingly of the scheme, was surprised at the member throwing firebrands at the project.

Mr. Moore said the fusillade of the gentleman from the Second ward was but a tempest in a tea-pot. He did not oppose the measure; on the contrary, he had coincided with Mr. Downham.

The matter was further discussed, during which Mr. Leabate said he thought the subject should not be dealt with hastily, but properly considered, and Mr. Marbury suggested the appointment of several Aldermen to be an auxiliary committee to the Committee on Streets while the latter had the subject in charge.

It was finally determined to refer the matter to the Committee on Streets, which was reinforced by the appointment of Mr. Strauss, who took the place of Mr. Smith, the latter having asked to be relieved from service on that committee some months ago. The board then adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.
There was no quorum in this board—but six members, including the President, appearing in the chamber, who informally concurred in the action of the Board of Aldermen.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The closing exercises of the Episcopal High School, near this city, began last night with the joint final celebration of the Fairfax and Blackford Literary Societies. Of the former the medalists were H. R. Mayo Thom, of Baltimore, reader; Harry J. Waters, Maryland, declaimer; Harold M. Hull, Virginia, debater. Of the latter the medalists were Wm. E. Peters, jr., of Virginia; N. Beach Polk, of Maryland, declaimer, and Jefferson Davis Norris, of Maryland, debater. Harry J. Waters, of Maryland, of the Fairfax, was the joint valedictorian, and Mr. Joseph Packard, jr., of Baltimore, was the orator. This evening the closing exercises were completed, when the awards were made.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The closing exercises of the Theological Seminary, near this city, commenced to-day and were largely attended, many from this city being present. Bishops Whittle and Randolph were both present and took part in the exercises. At 11:30 o'clock the alumni held their meeting, when a committee was appointed looking to the erection of a new library building. The meeting was followed by the alumni dinner at 2 p. m.

To-night there will be a missionary meeting held at the chapel when Rev. R. A. Goodwin will preach. The collection to be taken up will be for the benefit of the missionary society. The exercises for to-morrow will be as follows: At 11 a. m., essays by senior class; 2 p. m., luncheon; 3:30 p. m., delivery of diplomas by the Bishop of the diocese.

ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY.

The following is the programme for the fifty-fourth annual commencement of St. John's Academy at Lannon's Opera House, Friday, June 24th, 1887: The Life and Character of Sir Thomas More, Frederick W. Krichelt, D. C.; music: The Indian—his Past, his Present, and his Future, Orlando C. Ketcham, jr., D. C.; music: Camp George Washington, Wm. N. Foreacre, Ga.; music: presentation of University certificates; music: graduation; music: valedictory, James H. Causton, D. C.; music: annual address by Charles Bendheim, L. B., class of '82; music: award of medals and premiums; music: exhibition drill, squad of 16 cadets. The annual meeting of the Society of Old Students, which, it is hoped, will be largely attended by the graduates and others residing in Alexandria, will be held at the lecture room of the academy to-morrow evening at 8:30. The members and other former students can obtain tickets to the commencement there.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

The closing exercises of St. Mary's parochial school, under the auspices of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, took place at the Opera House yesterday evening. A large audience being present. An interesting programme was rendered which consisted of the little plays: Strategy, The Expedition of Columbus, A Dream, or Vanity Corrected, and The Wrong Trunk; music; recitations; and the distribution of premiums, conferring honors and gold medals. The medals were presented by Mr. Frank Quinn, and the exercises closed with an appropriate address by Rev. Father O'Kane. The exercises showed that the children had received careful training during the year.

The following is a list of the prizes: Gold medal for conduct, application and attendance awarded equally to Masters J. Nugent, G. Harlow, W. Nugent, M. Quinn, T. Power and E. Timberman; won by M. Quinn. Gold medal for lessons awarded equally to Masters J. Nugent, J. Chichester, J. Lawler, J. Hickey, E. Kammel and M. McFarland; won by E. Kammel. Gold medal for Christian doctrine awarded equally to Masters J. Nugent, J. Chichester, J. Hickey, T. Power, J. Lawler, G. Harlow, M. McFarland, Jos. E. Hamilton, Jno. Ewald, Wm. Harlow, N. Lawler, G. Brown, C. Timberman, A. Arnold, J. Arnold, A. Moore and J. Grehan. Gold medal for lessons to Miss Mary Hickey. Gold medal for conduct, application and attendance awarded equally to Misses Mary Hickey, M. McFarland, M. Beach, Maggie Hickey, M. Lawler, L. Hayes, A. Fleming, L. Lyons and M. Dwyer; won by M. Lawler.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY.

The closing exercises of St. Mary's Academy will take place at the Opera House to-morrow, when an interesting programme will be rendered.

PRESENTATION.—As stated in the GAZETTE, a committee of students of the Episcopal Theological Seminary yesterday waited on Prof. J. J. McElhinney, of that institution, at his residence, on "The Hill," and as a token of the regard in which he is held by them presented him with a handsome gold-headed ebony cane on which was engraved the following inscription: "Prof. John Joyce McElhinney, D.D. 1887. From the Students Virginia Theological Seminary." Before presenting the cane the following series of resolutions recently adopted by the students of the Seminary were read, viz:

Whereas, in the providence of God, our venerated and beloved professor, John Joyce McElhinney, D.D., is about to retire from his professorship; therefore,

Resolved by the students assembled, 1st, That we put on record our high appreciation of his rare personal worth as a man of God and of his superior qualities as a wise counselor, a clear thinker, an able and faithful teacher and preacher. 2d, We gratefully record God's goodness to the Church in sparing him so long to occupy so responsible a position, and to be for a third of a century the instructor of so many of her ministers; and we feel thankful to the Great Head of the Church that for so long a period the Church has shared the labors of a life of so great usefulness. 3d, That we extend to him our heartfelt love and express our appreciation of his patience with us and of his many kindnesses to us. And that we present the accompanying token in further evidence of our esteem, affection and regret at parting.

A true extract from the minutes:
J. W. MORRIS, Secretary.

Dr. McElhinney fervently responded to the resolutions, and heartily thanked the students for their good wishes and kind remembrance.

IS IT BILLY WILLIAMS?—Commonwealth's Attorney Marbury this morning received a telephone message from the detective agency of McDewitt & Flinders, in Washington, stating that the man captured at Oakland, Garrett county, Md., on Sunday last, is Billy Williams, the supposed murderer of officer Arnold. Mr. Marbury telephoned back to get a full description of the prisoner, and the Mayor has decided that if necessary he will send a man to Oakland to identify him. This evening Capt. Webster went to Washington in reference to the matter.

LATER.—Mr. Marbury this evening received a telephone message from Washington saying that a dispatch received there from Oakland stated that Williams had been identified, and requesting that he be sent for.

PROPERTY SALES.—Messrs. Green & Wise, real estate agents, have sold forty acres of the Young estate, on the Potomac river, in Fairfax county, near Little Hunting Creek, to Levin W. Walker, of New York, for \$1,000.

Also a lot of ground on the southeast corner of Washington and Madison streets, belonging to Col. B. W. Froebel, of Georgia, for \$125 to Peter Hausrath.

POLICE REPORT.—Last night was rainy and cloudy until about 12 o'clock, when it became clear. There were three prisoners at the station house.

The Mayor this morning disposed of the following cases:

Harry Whittier, a colored boy, arrested by a young man for killing pigeons with a bean shooter, was fined \$2.

Frank Wanzar and Wm. Murry, two colored boys, arrested by Officer Battice for fighting on Jones's Point, were fined \$1 each.

Lizzie Lee, colored, arrested by Officer Lawler for abusive language, was fined \$1.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.—Complaint is made by the residents and those who are compelled to pass the localities where the different slaughter houses near the city are situated, of the bad condition in which such premises are kept, and there is some talk of the owners of such houses being indicted for maintaining nuisances on their premises.

JUDGMENTS FORWARDED.—The judgments and costs in each of the coupon cases tried at the last term of the Corporation Court for this city, and which were decided against the State, were yesterday forwarded to the State auditor at Richmond for settlement.

PERSONALS.—Miss Alice Henderson has gone to Richmond on a visit to friends.

Miss Anne M. Wilson, who has been quite sick in this city at the residence of Miss Fannie Mason, is improving.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Shadrach Jackson, a well-known colored man of this city, and a government pensioner, died last night.

The lot on St. Asaph street, near Queen, purchased by Mr. Chas. King, brought \$350 and not \$50 as published yesterday.

It is understood that the steamer George Law, now undergoing repairs at Washington, will shortly return to Petersburg and resume her trips on the James river.

Numbers of comfortable houses are in course of erection in different parts of the city, and it is thought that the building in the city this year will exceed that of last.

The doctors say that the recovery of two of the Martin children, wounded in the railroad accident near Lynchburg, on Monday, is doubtful, but the others will recover, though all are painfully hurt.

About \$1,200 worth of lumber in Wimsatt & Uhler's lumber yard, Ninth street wharf Washington, was destroyed by fire yesterday. During the fire Willie Main, a small boy, fell into the river, but was rescued.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to John Gibson, of Fairfax county and Emma S. Follin, of Washington; J. W. Smith, of Haymarket, and N. V. Belt; Harry Brome and Hannah Welch, of this city.

The present week will be devoted here to the closing exercises of schools. The public schools of the city will close next week on the last four days of June, having opened on the first of September and continued ten full months.

A prominent member of the Alexandria Rifles recently organized military company in this city, said to-day that it was more than probable that that company would soon disband.

The steambot Henry E. Bishop, which is to run excursions on the Potomac this season, passed up the river this evening.

Miss M. L. Jones, who lives on King street near Patrick, had \$20 stolen from a trunk in her house a few days ago.

A little girl named Lily Boyd, living on Queen street, near Pitt, was bitten by a dog last night.

The Mayor has given orders to arrest all "bean shooters."

The Southwestern Lunatic Asylum, at Marion, Va., is now receiving patients, and almost every county within the State will be represented. Many persons have books, magazines, and other reading matter of little value to them which would contribute much to the pleasure of the inmates of the asylum could they have the privilege of reading them. The institution needs a library and to have the walls of its wards adorned by pictures. Mr. Albert H. Gibboney, clerk, will correspond with parties wishing to make donations and see that they are properly placed within the institution.

ART DISEASED CATTLE SHIPPED TO WASHINGTON.—Health Officer Townsend informs the District Commissioners that it is reported to his office that cattle from some of the counties in Maryland and Virginia were placed in pens at the city, and which have been quarantined against the authorities of Baltimore, are being shipped to Washington for sale as beef. He asks the Commissioners to request of the Commissioner of Agriculture that the Bureau of Animal Industry co-operate with the health department in its examination as to the truth of the report.

A terrible explosion occurred in Roberti, Dale & Co.'s works, Manchester, Eng., to-day, which destroyed the building. The ruins took fire and the flames spread to Potomac Palace. Windows for miles around were smashed by the force of the explosion. A large number of workmen were scalded by the acid or injured by the falling debris.

Postponed.

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., June 22.—The yacht race committee have decided not to race to-day. The fog is heavy and the wind light.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen held June 21, 1887, there were present: E. E. Downham, esq., President, and Messrs. Moore, Strauss, Marbury, Bryant and Leabate.

A communication from the Mayor stating his reasons for calling the Council together and enclosing a letter from R. L. Carne, esq., in regard to numbering the houses and placing the names of streets at the intersections thereof, were referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mr. Strauss was appointed on the Committee on Streets.

The Board then adjourned.

Teste: Jno. J. JAMIESON, Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a called meeting of the Common Council of Alexandria held on the 21st day of June, 1887, there were present: Isaac Richburg, esq., President, and Messrs. Aitcheson, Snowden, Fisher, Whiting and Strider.

The roll being called and a quorum failing to respond, the board adjourned.

Teste: JAMES R. CATON, Clerk.

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